

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An agent for preventing idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) comprising, as an active ingredient, a substance inhibiting interaction between gp39 on a T cell surface, which is a receptor mediating contact-dependent helper effector function, and CD40 on an antigen-presenting cell surface.

2. The agent for preventing ITP according to Claim 1, wherein the substance is an anti-gp39 antibody.